PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 100 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
An introductory course that examines classic philosophical problems in the areas of metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics. Within ethics, attention is given to historical as well as contemporary social and political issues. The course surveys influential philosophers in the Western and Eastern intellectual traditions, providing a multicultural perspective on the above problem areas. The aim of the course is to think critically about these topics, using the philosophical method, and connect the issues to contemporary life. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)
C-ID: PHIL 100

PHIL 103 CRITICAL THINKING
A general overview of the principles and methods of reasoning skills is examined. Methods and techniques are introduced to identify arguments from various types of discourse. Students develop the skills to analyze the structure of an argument, types of argument, informal fallacies and evaluation of arguments. Some formal logic is introduced to facilitate understanding of logical reasoning. Students develop skills of constructing valid/sound argument in argumentative essays. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area A3
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area A3), UC

PHIL 160 HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL
An introduction to the history of Western philosophy from pre-Socratic to Renaissance. Selections from representative philosophers and/or schools - Plato, Aristotle, philosophy of the Roman world, and Christian and early rationalist thought - are studied. Analysis and evaluation of attempts to resolve fundamental metaphysical, epistemological, and ethical questions is also included. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for READ 836 and ENGL 836; or ENGL 847 or ESL 400.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)
C-ID: PHIL 130

PHIL 175 MODERN PHILOSOPHY
This course addresses 16th through 18th century philosophy with emphasis on the broad epistemological and metaphysical developments of empiricism and rationalism in philosophical thought from Descartes to Kant. Special topics include the foundation of knowledge, the nature of the human mind, free will, and the foundation of morality. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)

PHIL 190 CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY
A general survey of the philosophical developments in the 19th and 20th centuries and their ramifications on social, political, moral, and religious movements. Traditions of Idealism, existentialism, Marxism; logical positivism, pragmatism, utilitarianism, and linguistic analysis are examined. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)

PHIL 200 INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC
This course is an introduction to formal systems of symbolizing statements, analyzing statements, and testing arguments. Main topics covered in the course include the difference between deductive and inductive arguments; how to translate English statements into propositional logic and predicate logic; how to test statements for consistency and equivalence; and how to test arguments for validity. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

Units: 3

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PHIL 240 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS
Discusses the major ethical principles and theories in the world. How these principles apply to one's ethical decision making and moral reasoning and moral problems is examined. Classical and contemporary deontological and teleological theories and existential theory and others are critically analyzed. Contemporary ethical issues, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, feminism, and terrorism are also examined. Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for READ 836 and ENGL 836; or ENGL 847 or ESL 400.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)
C-ID: PHIL 110

PHIL 300 INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS
An introduction to the study of great world religions; their religious and spiritual teachings; their rituals and literatures; their impact on the respective world views on culture; and finally their influence on the meaningfulness of human existence and their meaning in relation to the Transcendent. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)

PHIL 312 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
An introduction to philosophical thinking about religion, with an emphasis on issues central to traditional monotheism. This course teaches how to critically examine arguments concerning the origin of religion, the existence of God, the historicity of miracles, the veridicality of religious and mystical experience, the existence of spirits or souls, the possibility of life after death, the equal validity of all religions, and other topics. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)

PHIL 695 INDEPENDENT STUDY
Designed for students who are interested in furthering their knowledge via self-paced, individualized instruction provided in selected areas or directed study to be arranged with instructor and approved by the division dean using the Independent Study Form. Varying modes of instruction can be used -- laboratory, research, skill development, etc. For each unit earned, students are required to devote three hours per week throughout the semester. Students may take only one Independent Study course within a given discipline. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 0.5 - 3
Hours/semester: 24-162 Lab
Recommended: Eligibility for READ 836 and ENGL 836; or ENGL 847 or ESL 400.
Transfer Credit: CSU